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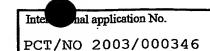
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

YES Claims Novelty (N) 1-16 NO Claims YES Inventive step (IS) **Claims** NO Claims YES Industrial applicability (IA) Claims Claims МО

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents were cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US2002/0094428A1

D2: WO0196095 A1

D3: US4133858 A1

D4: DE4237239 A1

D5: JP55055817 A1

D6: JP11070541 A1

The documents cited in the International Search Report represent the background art.

The invention defined in claims 1-16 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

None of the cited documents give any indication towards the claimed method for manufacturing panel bodies of plastic material, or towards the claimed apparatus for manufacturing panel bodies of plastic material, or towards the claimed use of the method for manufacturing panel bodies of plastic material, or towards the claimed use of the apparatus for manufacturing panel bodies of plastic material. No relevant combination of the cited documents would lead a person skilled in the art to the invention defined in the claims.

Therefore, the invention defined in claims 1-16 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. It is also considered to be industrially applicable.